Breakout Work Session 1

10:00 AM (1 hour 15 minutes)

Finance

And

Funding

Room 210A

Municipal Bonds and Other New Funding Sources for Affordable Housing in San Antonio

Presenter: Mandy De Mayo, Executive Director of Housing Works

With the need for affordable housing at a historic high point and growing rapidly, the City of San Antonio is working to identify new fund sources that can be used to support affordable housing. A number of approaches have been utilized with success in other cities. One alternative is the issuance of a special "General Obligation" Bonds to support capital expenditures for affordable housing initiatives. Other alternatives include inclusionary zoning provisions which require multi-family developments in designated areas to either provide affordable units on site or contribute to a fund to support affordable housing development in other locations. Cities can also establish Housing Trust Funds by targeting revenue.

Housing First Overview

Presenter: Liz Drapa, Managing Director at Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) on Public Policy Session will include a 40 minute presentation from Ms. Drapa, followed by a panel of local service providers discussing pros and cons of Housing First implementation in San Antonio. Housing First is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing as quickly as possible. CSH helps build housing that lets homeless and disabled people connect to homes, health care, jobs, and the community.

Room 210B

Homelessness

Housing Commission Update

Presenter: Jennifer Gonzalez, Executive Director Alamo Community Group (ACG)

During this session, members from the Housing Commission to Protect and Preserve Dynamic and Diverse Neighborhoods will provide an update on the progress of the Commission's work over the past year. This session will be repeated during each of the Summit's breakout sessions.

Commission Update

Housing

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Innovation

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Breakthrough in High Performance Affordable Housing

Presenter: Francesco Piazzezi, Founder of ¡Échale! A Tu Casa

¡Échale! A Tu Casa has a successful track record of providing over 30,000 green residences in Mexico and Central America. A presentation on how it was achieved.

¿Échale! A Tu Casa is a social enterprise that provides worthy sustainable housing for the underserved population. Their model is based on three main pillars: community organization, appropriate technology, and financial access.

Policies,

Protection,

And

Planning

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Neighborhoods of Opportunity

Presenter: Rebecca Walter, Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Texas at San Antonio

A growing number of researchers and policymakers are looking at the benefits of Neighborhoods of Opportunity. This session will look at various definitions of opportunity that are in effect or being considered as well as the practical implications for housing providers.